

and our entire family, we want to wish Andrew, Danleigh, Madelyn, and Ainsley all the best.

THANK YOU FOUNDATION

HON. JEAN SCHMIDT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Thank You Foundation of Lebanon, Ohio. The Thank You Foundation is an all volunteer, non-profit organization whose stated mission is to show appreciation and express gratitude for those who have served in the United States Armed Forces both past and present.

The Thank You Foundation was created by John Guinn, a veteran of the United States Army and the organization's current President. John's inspiration came from his mother, who worked tirelessly for the Am Vets Organization and served as President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Post 24, in Dayton, Ohio. John's mother Juanita believed that gratitude and appreciation for soldiers and veterans should always be a priority and that without exception our support and respect should be presented publicly.

The Thank You Foundation provides an array of support for our soldiers and veterans. This includes sending care packages to active duty personnel serving overseas; providing resume and job coaching services to veterans and their families; and visiting veterans in care facilities. The Thank You Foundation is currently spearheading a large project to construct a Mobile Health Unit for use by the Veterans Affairs Cincinnati Medical Center. Once completed the mobile unit will travel the Cincinnati region and act as a one-stop center for veterans to enroll for care, receive initial examinations, and have access to mental health counseling. Just recently, The Thank You Foundation visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where they helped entertain and bring encouragement to the children of wounded veterans.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing all the amazing volunteers from The Thank You Foundation who continually lend their time to give so much to our men and women in the Armed Forces who preserve our Freedom.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE RAMONA ROBERTS

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Judge Ramona Roberts as she retires as a Flint District Court judge. A celebration is planned for August 9th to honor Judge Roberts in Flint, Michigan.

Ramona Roberts graduated from Flint Northern High School in 1964 determined to become an attorney. She attended Flint Junior College, now Mott Community College, and graduated from Michigan State University with

high honors. She obtained her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from University of Toledo—College of Law in 1980.

Before returning to her hometown of Flint, Judge Roberts spent time working in Ohio completing legal research. Back in Michigan she spent several years working for Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, UAW Legal Services and as a judicial assistant to former Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Earl E. Borradaile. She entered private practice sharing office space with LoLanda R. Johnson and the soon to be named Chief Genesee County Circuit Judge Archie L. Hayman.

She successfully ran for Judge of the 68th District Court in 1992 because she wanted to bring a woman's perspective to the bench. She has served the people of Flint in this capacity since then. In 1992 she was elected by the highest number of votes for any Flint District Court judge and has been reelected twice, unopposed. In addition to her judicial duties, Judge Roberts has also served as the Financial Secretary of the Judicial Council National Bar Association and in 2002 she was President of the Michigan District Judges Association. She is the past President of the Boys and Girls Club of Flint and their learning center is named in her honor.

Madam Speaker, please join me in wishing Judge Ramona Roberts the best as she enters this new phase of her life. The 68th District Court and the people of Flint are losing a wonderful public servant and a diligent legal mind with her retirement.

REMEMBERING THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. MCCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and remember the 55th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice and to remember the more than 474,000 Allied troops who lost their lives defending our freedom and liberty.

On June 25, 1950, the North Korean People's Army crossed the 38th parallel in blatant contravention of international law and aggression against South Korean democracy. Under the guise of a counter-attack, the North Korean Army struck on the early Sunday morning behind a firestorm of artillery. The North Korean army advanced quickly and eventually gained control of nearly 90 percent of the peninsula. After days of bloodshed, South Korean and Allied troops pushed North Korean forces back beyond the 38th parallel. Then on October 8, 1950, Chinese forces joined efforts with North Korean troops. Fighting continued for the next two years, and both sides struggled until ultimately ended in a stalemate. By July 27, 1953, a ceasefire was established at the front line which by that time was again the 38th parallel. After three years of full scale fighting, tens of thousands of allied troops and South Korean civilians had died.

Today, South Korea and the United States share a deep and abiding commitment to uphold the ideals of freedom, democracy, justice, and human rights.

Madam Speaker, today many people refer to the Korean War as the "Forgotten War,"

but we cannot forget the sacrifice of our American service men and women. I ask my colleagues to rise with me in remembering the courage and sacrifice of those lost.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. WAMP. Madam Speaker, as a leader on earmark reform among House Republicans, I am committed to honoring House Republican rules that provide for greater transparency. The Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Appropriation Act contains the following funding that I requested:

Requesting Member: Rep. ZACH WAMP.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Army National Guard.

Legal Name Requesting Entity: Tennessee National Guard.

Address: 3041 Sidco Drive, Nashville, TN.

Description of Request: \$10,372,000 for the construction of a new Army National Guard Readiness Center to replace the inadequate Readiness Center that was constructed in 1954. The existing facility has numerous health and safety issues as well as significant electrical code issues, and ADA violations. The new facility will house the 20th Troop Command, and the Company Headquarters of the 1175th Transportation Company. This project is in the Army National Guard's Fiscal Year 2012 Future Year Defense Plan.

H. CON. RES. 361, A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF IRENA SENDLER

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 29, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as an original co-sponsor and strong supporter of House Concurrent Resolution 361, a resolution which commemorates the life of Irena Sendler, a woman whose courage and selflessness saved the lives of thousands of Polish citizens from Nazi brutality during the Holocaust.

I would like to thank my friend and colleague, Congresswoman JAN SCHAKOWSKY of Illinois, for introducing this legislation, as well as the 63 other bipartisan Members of Congress for their co-sponsorship of H. Con. Res. 361.

This important resolution commemorates the work of Irena Sendler, a Polish woman who dedicated her life to saving 2,500 Jewish children from Poland's Warsaw Ghetto and Nazi extermination during the Holocaust. As an early activist during World War II, Sendler joined Zegota, an underground movement that provided a safe haven for Jews who would otherwise be sent to death camps throughout Europe. In addition, Sendler built strong connections in Warsaw's Welfare Department that enabled her to help ferry Jewish children from the Warsaw Ghetto.